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Amendments to the Claims

Please **rewrite** claims 2 and 9. Please **cancel** claims 1, 6 and 8.

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Currently Amended) Optical recording medium comprising at least two information carrier layers, on which information can be written by means of a focused light beam, a separating layer arranged between said information carrier layers, and a transparent covering layer, which is arranged between said information carrier layer and a surface of the recording medium and whose thickness substantially exceeds that of said information carrier layer, wherein each information carrier layer is semi-transparent according to claim 1, and wherein each information carrier layer can be read from both sides, but can be written to from only one side in each case.

3. (Previously Presented) Optical recording medium according to claim 2, wherein the total transmission factor of an information carrier layer with associated covering layer and separating layer is lower than the lowest transmission factor that allows to pass through said information carrier layer with associated covering layer and separating layer a quantity of light being sufficient for a writing operation on the other information carrier layer.

4. (Previously Presented) Optical recording medium comprising two information carrier layers, on which information can be written by means of a focused light beam, a separating layer arranged between said information carrier layers, and a transparent covering layer, which is arranged between said information carrier layer and a surface of the recording medium and whose thickness substantially exceeds that of said information carrier layer, wherein both information carrier layers are semi-transparent, wherein the total

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transmission factor of an information carrier layer with associated covering layer and separating layer is lower than the lowest transmission factor that allows to pass through said information carrier layer with associated covering layer and separating layer a quantity of light being sufficient for a writing operation on the other information carrier layer.

5. (Previously Presented) Optical recording medium according to claim 4, wherein the transmission factor of each information carrier layer is less than 10 %.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Previously Presented) Optical recording medium comprising two information carrier layers, on which information can be written by means of a focused light beam, a separating layer arranged between said information carrier layers, and a transparent covering layer, which is arranged between said information carrier layer and a surface of the recording medium and whose thickness substantially exceeds that of said information carrier layer, wherein both information carrier layers are semi-transparent and wherein the transmission factor of each of said two information carrier layers is less than 10 %.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) Optical recording medium comprising at least two information carrier layers, on which information can be written by means of a focused light beam, a separating layer arranged between said information carrier layers, and a transparent covering layer, which is arranged between said information carrier layer and a surface of the recording medium and whose thickness substantially exceeds that of said information carrier layer, wherein

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each information carrier layer is semi-transparent according to claim 1, and
wherein the writable information carrier layers have a preformatted track, the
rotational sense of each track, viewed from the same side, is unidirectional, and
whose directional sense is one of unidirectional and opposed.